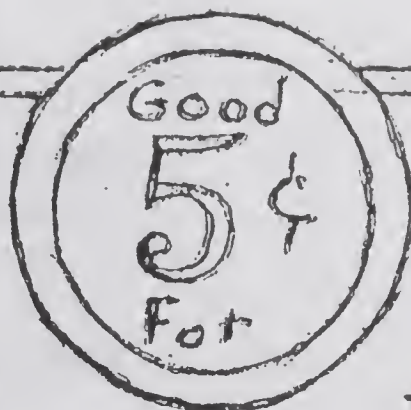


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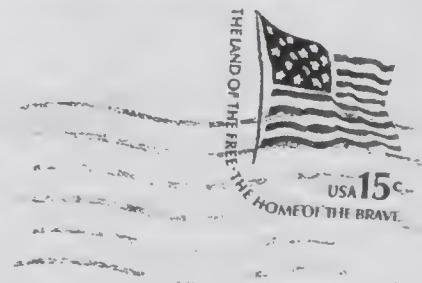
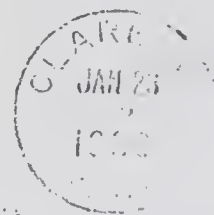
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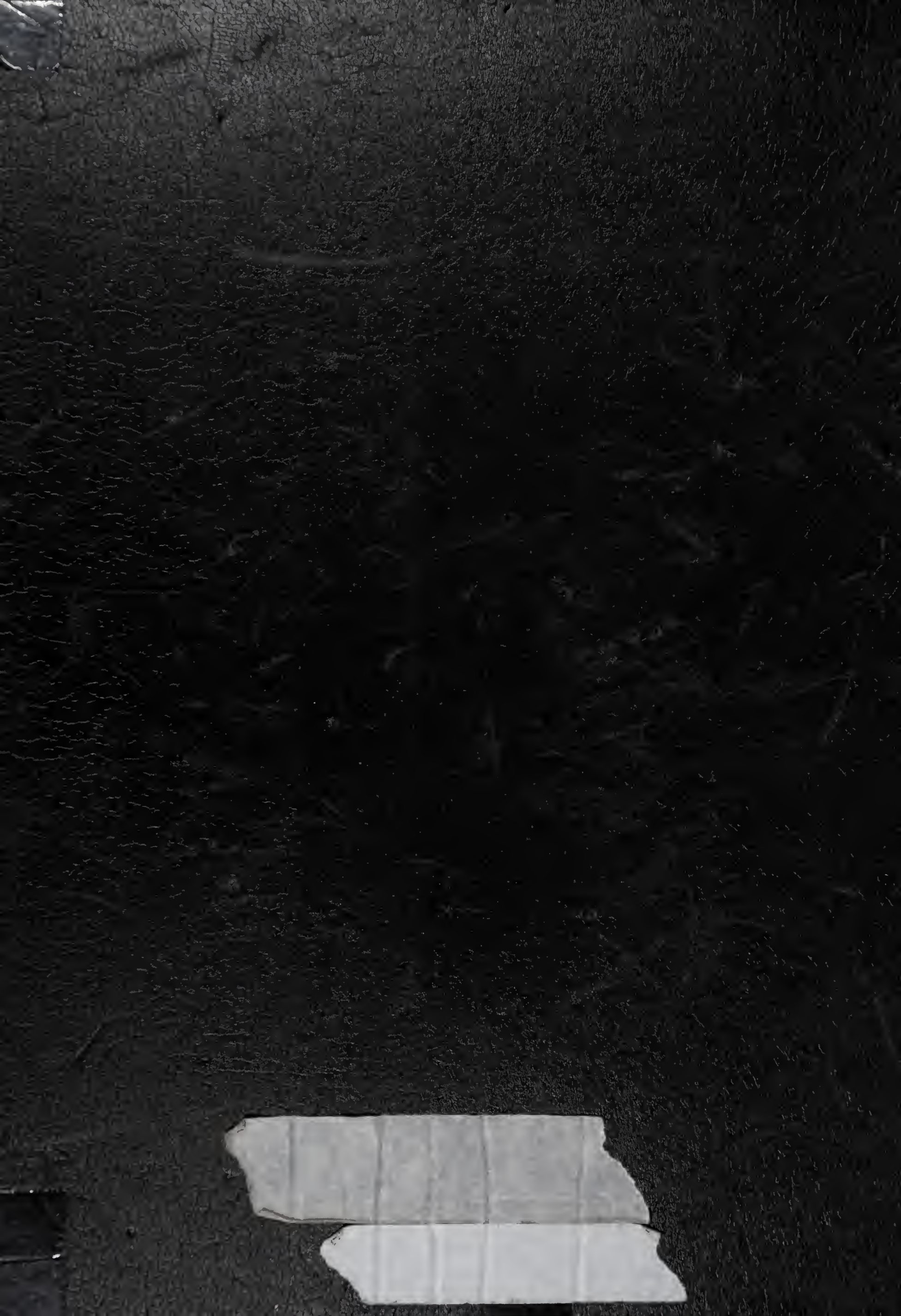
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From the Editor's Desk

This is my first issue as Editor. I welcome all articles from members for inclusion in this publication. I would appreciate help from regular contributors as co-editors, artists, cartoonists and feature writers. We will try to have every issue out on time, January, April, July and October.

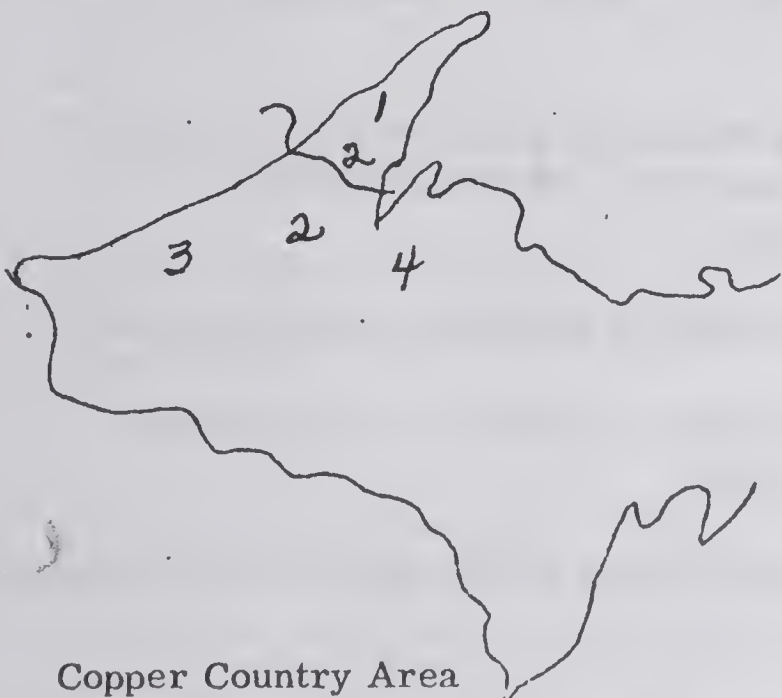
I started collecting coins while in high school (wow - where did time go?) Indian cents then were 2¢. No regular fashion. No books until much much later. I became interested in tokens about 7 years ago. My specialities are tokens from the Copper Country area of Michigan - this is numero uno. Then comes Michigan Civil War Tokens, Michigan tokens including centennials.

About once every 6 weeks I take a table at a coin show.

In June of 1981 I will retire from teaching. I am presently a counselor in the Clare Public Schools. I will combine being a coin dealer with my real estate business. Only then, hopefully, will I have time to thoroughly enjoy my hobby.

Antiques, old St. Patrick's Day cards, reading, community work, poker are also hobbies.

As you travel north in Michigan, I will be happy to visit any of you. If you come through - Junction of US-10 and US-27.



Copper Country Area

1 - Keweenaw Co. 2 - Houghton Co.
3 - Ontonogan Co. 4 - Baraga Co.

Michigan Transportation Token Towns

Upper Peninsula

Houghton
Ironwood
Ishpening
Iron Mountain
Menominee
Marquette
Sault Ste. Marie

Lower Peninsula

Traverse City	Jackson
Cadillac	Adrian
Manistee	Pontiac
Ludington	Monroe
Owosso	Ionia
Grand Rapids	Flint
Muskegon	Trenton
Grandville	Detroit
Grand Haven	Berkley
Lansing	Port Huron
Holland	Vassar
East Lansing	Saginaw
Kalamazoo	Bay City
Benton Harbor	Midland
Alma	Petoskey
Mt. Pleasant	Cheboygan
Battle Creek	

Anyone having extras of any town that they would trade to other members, let me know. I'll publish names and duplicates and members seeking these tokens can write to you.

In the Public Auction and Mail Bid Sale on November 23 and 24, 1979, Joseph Lepczyk, East Lansing, Michigan had this interesting token -

#1548 - Cord Wood Token- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cord, c/s "14" (presumably engine number), Rx: M.S. & N.I. R.R./E&N/DIX (Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R.R.), small symmetrical design near top, border of stars obv. and rev., copper, 25.5 mm, abt. FINE, rare. (\$125).

Anyone having extra lumber tokens or cord-wood tokens, please let the Editor know.

SURVEY FORM - MICHIGAN T.A.M.S.

Complete and send to "The Junk Box", 600 Wilcox Parkway, Clare, Michigan 49681. Survey results in the April Issue.

Name	Address	Telephone
Collecting Speciality _____		

or mail to Sue Cunningham along with your 1980 Dues.

MICHIGAN T.A.M.S.
November 25, 1979
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Washington Room
Dearborn, Michigan

Meeting opened at 11:15 A.M. by Vice President, Mel Reiter, in the absence of President Chester Clark.

There were 14 members and guests present.

- I. Secretary's report of May Meeting read and accepted.
- II. Treasurer's report was read and motion to accept report accepted - carried.
- III. Paul Cunningham reported that our Editor Fred Smith has resigned and that we now need someone to take over the duties. Larry Eastley of Clare, Michigan so very kindly offered his services. The officers and members of Michigan T.A.M.S. thank you very much for the task you have undertaken. Motion made and supported that Larry is to be accepted as Editor of T.A.M.S. Journal.
- IV. The lights went out all over the Hotel but the meeting went on as usual even in the semi-darkness. There was one light by the door so your Secretary took notes by that. Mel Reiter conducted the rest of the meeting in the dark.
- V. Changes to the Constitution: only three (3) members bothered to send in their responses.

The proposed changes were read at the meeting and changes were accepted - motion carried.
Motion made by Susan Cunningham, seconded by Marie Johnson.

- VI. Motion made by Paul Cunningham and seconded that all officers now in office be retained for another year. Motion carried.

Minutes continued

- VII. New officers to be elected and installed as of December 1980. Nominated as Board Member for a 3-year term. Motion made by Sue and seconded by Marie that Dennis Worthly be nominated to that Board. Motion accepted.
- VIII. Paul Cunningham read the list of the 3 members signing up new and or re-instated members. They are - 1st - Marie Johnson, 2nd - Richard Jertzog, 3rd - Chester Clark.
- IX. There was a discussion about having tables made and stored at Marie's farm. These tables to be used for the Annual Summer Picnic.
- X. Suggestions about each person or family provide a potluck dish and their own silverware. There also was a discussion about cancelling the annual picnic at Marie's or find another place to hold it. Committee formed to find a place and report on findings at the spring meeting.
- XI. The spring meeting will be in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The dates are unknown at this time. It will be in April.
- XII. The winners of the Mich-Tam Award were - 1st place - Charles Fenwick with "Selected U. S. Military Medals, 1917-1979". 2nd - Susan Cunningham, Elongated Coins of Social Organizations".

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Penzes
Secretary

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Petermann Stores

Albert Petermann was an early pioneer in chain stores. He had 5 stores in the Copper Country. All were general stores with clothes, food and hardware. They were situated in the outlying copper hamlets of Northern Houghton and Keweenaw counties. The 5 communities where stores were located were - Allouez, Gay, Kearsarge, Mohawk and Phoenix. Each store had 5 tokens of different size (like our coinage system) - 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00. You could distinguish the different stores by the large letter - A, G, K, M or P. Most tokens are brass, although I have several which are of a light anodized metal.

I have accepted the challenge of trying to complete the 30+ token set. All of the stores are gone with the people who patronized them. Many older residents remember them. They served their patrons well.

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The Statue of Liberty says - "Give me your poor, your troubled, those longing to be free". I say - "Give me your articles, your want lists, your list of extra Michigan tokens, your survey forms". We then can make members happier as they add to their collections.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NOTES ON MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR TOKENS NO. 1

In order to encourage more member activity in MICH-TAMS, special interest groups are now being formed. This "one-pager" will be the forum of Michigan Civil War token collectors. I will act as contributing editor. The idea behind the "Notes" is to collect and publish the observations, research and stories on Michigan Civil War storecards that nearly every collector has. I strongly encourage other collectors to write me about Michigan Civil War tokens. The only rule is one of style; please identify a topic and make it the lead item for your note.

HOW-TO-COLLECT-Most collectors begin by trying to get one token from each of 55 Michigan towns. Advanced collectors will try to collect the 263 merchants (including IND260A and OH175Q). More advanced Michigan collectors will collect all the different obverses in Fuld or perhaps everything, i.e., at least 1305 different combinations of obverse dies, reverse dies, merchants and metals.

ALEXANDER GLEASON-Michigan's only local diesinker from Hillsdale. Chester Robinson's research (JCWTS V5N1) on Gleason indicates he lived in Hillsdale only from 1862-64. He then moved to Jackson and eventually to Darian, N.Y. where he is buried. Gleason struck tokens for 31 merchants including Reed and Spayde from Pierceton, Indiana (IND760B) and for Mott & Bro (MI450L-4a) via a curious muling of a Child's obverse and a Gleason reverse (has anyone seen this token, H+G could be in error). His "MILITARY NECESSITY" die (429) is found only on patriotic 172/429.

NO CITY IDENTIFICATION:

MI225I-Fred Behr was a Detroit Civil War era merchant. Description in Fuld does not list city, but picture shows inscription of "FR BEHR DET". Token undated with diesinker unknown. Reverse indicates Behr ran a bowling alley. Did Behr run one between 1861-64?

MI225AJA-Was OH165BQ, so there must be some research placing Heinman's or the Russell House in Detroit. Could other "city-less" Cincinnati tokens belong in Michigan?

MI225AV-Located on Detroit's Woodward Avenue.

MI225BO- No information.

MI280F-No information. A dubious assignment to East Saginaw. Really belongs under SPECIAL NON LOCAL!

MI450D-Hillsdale's first drugstore that opened in 1855.

TWO-MERCHANT MULES:

MI5B-4a-Buck & Farrar of Adrian/C.S. Patterson of Tecumseh

MI225BD-4a-W. Perkins, Jr. of Detroit/Perkins Hotel of Detroit

MI225BO-4a-Schroder/Farmers Clothing of Detroit

MI225CN-3a-Wilkins & Martin of Detroit/Martin Bros of Detroit

MI560A-4a-Ekstein of Lansing/Lanphear of Cincinnati

Comments, corrections and additions welcome.

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